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Activities

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'Super typhoon' strikes Philippines (Page 1)**Instructions:** Read the article "Super typhoon' strikes Philippines'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

- What hurricanes are called in the Indian Ocean
- Large coconut and banana _____ have been destroyed
- What Typhoon Haiyan was called in the Philippines
- The typhoon was one of the most powerful storms ever recorded to make _____
- Powerful typhoons can create storm _____
- The _____ is hit by as many as 20 typhoons each year
- Benigno _____ is sure that climate change is increasing the frequency of these powerful storms
- _____ is one of the two main islands
- The country is an _____ of around 7,000 islands
- One of the countries that has sent medical teams and money

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Giant platypus (Page 16)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Giant platypus'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. The platypus is only found in eastern parts of Australia.		
2. Giant mammals were once common in Australia.		
3. Platypus give birth to their young.		
4. Fossils have been found of giant kangaroos.		
5. The platypus has a bill like a duck and webbed feet.		
6. Echidnas are monotremes.		
7. The platypus makes its nest in tree branches.		
8. The ancient platypus was ten times as long as a modern day platypus.		
9. The platypus is one of the few mammals that produce venom.		
10. The platypus name comes from an Ancient Greek word that means 'flat-footed'.		

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Instructions: Read the article ‘Robot show’.

- 1.** Find the key words in the wordsearch below. Words can go in any direction. **2.** Take the first 35 unused letters, starting at the top left-hand corner of the box. **3.** Put these letters into the squares at the bottom of the page to discover the mystery phrase.

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Key words

ASSEMBLING	TECHNOLOGY
ROBOTS	DEVICES
FINGERNAILS	APARTMENT
MUSCLE	ELECTRONIC
DESIGNED	EXHIBITION
HAZARDS	COMPRESSED

Mystery phrase

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India's Mars mission (Page 12)

Instructions: Read the article 'India's Mars mission'.
Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

ESA Moon

Southern India USA and Russia

Armstrong European Union

Phobos Deimos

Mars Space station

MOM Red Planet

China Sriharikota

Space Race Mangalyaan

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Hot water mystery explained? (Page 9)

Instructions: Read the article 'Hot water mystery explained?'.
Answer questions 1-8. The first is done for you.

1. I am less dense than liquid water.

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2. There is one atom of me in a water molecule.

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3. As water I can dissolve more of these than any other liquid.

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4. I am a Greek philosopher.

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5. I am what Mpemba noticed froze more quickly.

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6. As water this is what I do when I freeze.

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7. I am what it may be unwise to pour boiling water on.

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8. I am a form of water that is a gas.

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Listed below are 12 countries. Eliminate from the list those countries that appear on the map of the world. You will be left with one country that is not named on the map. That is the answer.

Singapore

Germany

Egypt

Qatar

Vietnam

Israel

Thailand

Japan

Cambodia

UK

Belarus

Venezuela

Missing Country =

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Desert farming (Page 3)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Desert farming'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

1. About 75 kilograms of _____ were harvested from one square metre
2. Country in which the pilot site was set up
3. The _____ runs the plant's pumps and control systems
4. One of the two things that the Sahara Forest Project (SFP) uses
5. A _____ unit turns salt water into fresh water
6. Mirrors shine _____ onto pipes
7. A larger growing facility is being set up in this country
8. The steam turns a _____
9. These types of farms are likely to be set in countries with large _____ areas
10. The moisture in the air _____ on the cold pipes